

**2025 Concours Program Status Wrap Report**  
**JCNA Concours Committee**  
**Prepared for the 2026 JCNA Annual General Meeting**  
**Mexico City, Mexico**  
**April 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

To: JCNA Board & 2026 AGM

February 28, 2026

From: Jim Sambold, Chairman, JCNA Concours Committee -JCC

RE: 2025 Concours Program Report

**Current JCC Membership:**

**NE Region:** Jim Sambold – Chairman

**NW Region:** Les Garbutt

Canadian XK Register

**NC Region:** Paul Cusato

Jaguar Club of Ohio

**SC Region:** Jeff Snyder

Jaguar Club of Austin

**SE Region:** Dave Kirkman

North Georgia Jaguar Club

**JCRC** Hal Kritzman

Jaguar Club of Southern Connecticut

The 2025 JCNA Concours season records a total of 32 Concours. The 2024 IJF was cancelled.

The most prevalent issues that continue to remain, in no particular order of significance:

- 1.) Training and certification events for currency continue to lag existing standard requirements.
- 2.) Proper recording on the JCNA website for testing and training.
- 3.) Holding Judges' Training sessions less than 30 days before the date of the event.
- 4.) Lack of organized entry of event results for both entrants and Judging Teams.
- 5.) Lack of due diligence by the host club Chief Judge confirming supporting club's Judges for currency in training and testing before the date of the relevant Concours.
- 6.) Late Membership payments/renewals from clubs to JCNA affecting Judges' names appearing on the JCNA Judging database.
- 8) Timely posting of Class results and Judging assignments. Some clubs are still 70-90 days or later after the event date. One event was 135+ late past date of the event.
- 9.) Some Chief Judges still have difficulty understanding the 3-year Judge's School rule. 2025 was the first year for Annual Mandatory testing taking effect. Some clubs have difficulty understanding the difference between a Training School and a Test.
- 10.) Chief Judges not understanding the criteria for an Apprentice judge to be assigned and an Apprentice being allowed to proceed as an individual Component Judge on their own.
- 11.) Use of incorrect JCNA numbers when the Judge is a member of 2 different clubs.

- 12.) Judges listed for class assignments with no entrants in class.
- 13.) Entrants listed but no Judges listed for Class.
- 14.) Apprentice Judge not listed on the JCNA Website.
- 15.) Too many or too few Judges posted for class assignments on the Results page.
- 16.) Late or No notice to JCNA JCC Chair events results are ready for review.
- 17.) Clubs duplicate the previous calendar year event posting for Concours as a new year Concours event, thereby deleting the previous year's official results.
- 18.) Clubs not notifying JCNA Concours Committee if and when an existing sanctioned Concours changes dates and venue for retention of sanction.
- 19.) Incorrect score numbers entered: i.e. X.XX for Championship Class or vice versa XX.XXX for Driven Class.
- 20.) Judges listed without Class Entries or Class Entries listed without Judges Listed.
- 21.) Delayed Club response to reported event result posting issues for Official status.
- 22.) Multiple vehicles, with the same ownership in the same class, same JCNA number.

Here are the issues by Region:

**Northeast:**

- 4 Clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:
- 1.) Too Many or too few Judges posted for Class assignments.
  - 2.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
  - 3.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

**North Central:**

- 3 Clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:
- 1.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
  - 2.) Judges' Testing not current with Annual standard.
  - 3.) Classes Listed with Entrants but no Judges for Classes.
  - 4.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

**Northwest:**

- 2 Clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:
- 1.) Too Many or too few Judges posted for Class assignments.
  - 2.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
  - 3.) Segmented Results posting.
  - 4.) Judges' Testing not current with Annual standard.
  - 5.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

**Southeast:**

- 4 clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:
- 1.) Incorrect number of required judges.
  - 2.) Judge not listed in Training and Testing on the JCNA website.
  - 3.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
  - 4.) Wrong JCNA Number.
  - 5.) Judges' Testing not current with Annual standard.

## **South Central:**

5 clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 1.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
- 2.) Wrong JCNA Number.
- 3.) Apprentice Judge listed as Full Component Judge
- 4.) Judges' Testing not current with Annual standard.
- 5.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

## **Southwest:**

3 clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 1.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
- 2.) Wrong number of Judges assigned to a class.
- 3.) Late posting of event results.
- 4.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

## **Major Penalty Decisions:**

Four Concours Events for the 2025 season were in extreme violation of the Concours Judging Rule book requirement for Mandatory Annual testing and proper recording. The JCNA Executive Board was notified of the infractions and convened for review and disciplinary action. Entrants scores were allowed to stand, but the respective clubs were reviewed and required to refund Concours Entrant fees plus any additional financial sanctions as appropriate, including probation periods. Two clubs were intensely reviewed by Executive Board and a decision rendered on infractions.

## **Final Notes:**

The 2025 Concours competition season has continued with hinderances of the same issues as previous years including nonconformance to the required Mandatory Annual testing. The issues were due to the Chief Judges not following the rules and completing their responsibilities remaining high at 62% and the remaining 38% were at the Component Judge level for not following the rules. Despite the best efforts of the JCRC Rules Committee to keep testing and training to an acceptable level, some long-term certified Judges are still not as familiar with the rule book and process as they should be. The time between testing dates continued to be elevated with more than 53% of certified Judges being on their last year for Judge's School under the 3-year rule. Several Chief Judges continue to attempt to obfuscate the Annual Training session or holding the Training School session inside 30 days or less from the Concours event date and or an incorrect understanding of the difference between the Training and Testing requirements. The 3-year rule is no longer applicable for Testing as of January 1, 2025, while the Training School requirement remains under the three-year rule of the year of attendance + 2 calendar years.

Here are the review statistics for the 2024 Concours Competition season:

- 1.) 56% of the registered clubs have a Concours event – change from 57% from previous year.
- 2.) 46% of the club events required only one review session for the posted results. Increase of 22% from previous year.
- 3.) 39% of the club events required two review sessions for the posted results. Increase of 8% from previous year.
- 4.) 12% of the club events required three review sessions for the posted results. Same as previous year.
- 5.) 3% of the club events required 4 or more review sessions for the posted results. Decrease of 24.2% from previous year.
- 6.) 12.5% of the club events had punitive class measures levied.

The 2025 JCNA Concours Competition season closed out on 01/03/2026 due to late notifications from member clubs and time required for review by the Executive Board of the two clubs in violation of multiple Judging rules during the Concours Event.

The current training program with its variable testing criteria continues to be pushed to and outside the limits of the rules as voted for and approved by the membership body. The lackadaisical approach and personal interpretation continue to not work as can be seen with the number and types of issues that are present throughout a majority of the clubs along with a higher percentage of issues due to Chief Judges.

Online Judge's testing is continuing to gain a small amount of traction with several regions due to the new mandatory annual testing requirement starting January 1, 2025, combined with regional and group club training events in some regions. Each new Judge's test will be made available by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year for clubs holding Concours in the first quarter of the new competition year.

Plans continue in development for the Regional Judge's training utilizing electronic meeting media so that all six regions will have access to the class at some point during each competition year.

The JCNA Concours Committee held a discussion via email on how to change the Judging criteria with respect to Restorer/Judges with limited engagement.

JCNA Concours Committee meeting on 8/23/2025 via Zoom.  
Review and discuss Rule Changes previously submitted to members via email for the 2026 AGM.  
Reviewed the 2025 Concours Competition season issues to date.

The Committee has reviewed the proposed administrative updates for the 2026 Judging Guide and Rule Changes for the 2027 Concours season and agreed with the JCRC Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sambold  
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